



City

of

Pelican

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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
STIP Comments: Division of Program Development
3132 Channel Drive, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801-7898

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Pelican is highly dependent on the Alaska Marine Highway System for transportation and movement of freight in and out of Pelican.

I respectfully asks for reinstatement of \$600,000 that has been previously proposed in the January 2005 STIP for FY2006-08, DOT Project ID#15219.

The removal of \$600,000 for Pelican's AMHS Terminal Mooring Improvements is counter to the interests of the local economy and will have a negative impact on the multiplier effect to the economy of communities in the Northern Panhandle, particularly Juneau, Alaska. It is inappropriate at this time to reallocate funds away from rural coastal communities, when any delay in funding influences the livelihood of our economic diversity and sustainability.

Please reinstate the \$600,000 that has been previously proposed in the January 2005 STIP for FY2006-08, DOT Project ID#15219, in the Final FY2006-08 STIP. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Patricia Phillips, Mayor